PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Tuesday, the 14th July 1936/31st Mithunam 1111.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock, the President, presiding.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan was sworn in.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Compound wall for the Public Offices in Nedumangad.

451. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is no compound wall for the Public Offices and Court-houses at Nedumangad ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the Public Offices compound at Nedumangad is left dirty and there is wild jungle growth in the compound ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that no scavenging work is attended to with respect to the lavatory and urinal put up in the compound of the Public Offices at Nedumangad ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) It is reported that a scavenger has been recently appointed to clean the privies in the Public Offices compound.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : No supplementary question.

PRESIDENT : You must be presented with a pair of white gloves. (*Laughter.*)

Proof-readers in the Government Press.

452. ✻ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the proof-readers of the Government Press memorialised Government setting forth their grievances ;

(*b*) what their grievances are ; and

(*c*) what action was taken on the memorials ?

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RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government do not consider it desirable to publish the contents of such memorials.

(*c*) Government considered their memorials and found that no action was needed.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) With reference to answer to part (*c*), may I know whether Government thought that there was no grievance to be redressed or whether it was because Government thought that the grievance need not be redressed that they decided that action need not be taken?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government considered the memorials and thought that nothing need be done at present. The memorialists stated that they had grievances, but Government were not convinced that they had.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether Government came to the conclusion that there was no grievance to be redressed?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; for the present.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the work in the Government Press has increased considerably while the number of Proof-readers have not been increased proportionately?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There has been some increase of work in the Government Press; but I do not think that it can be said to be considerable.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has there been proportionate increase in the number of Proof-readers with the increase of work?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There has been no increase recently.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether, when the work so increased, there was no increase in the number of Proof-readers?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not think that the increase of work in the Press is so great as to necessitate the appointment of additional Proof-readers.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know why Government do not think it desirable to give the contents of the memorials?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not think it necessary to place the contents of the memorials received from various subordinates, before the House.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : With reference to part (*b*) of the question as to what their grievances are, the answer given is "Government do not consider it desirable to publish the contents of such memorials". May I know whether Government will be pleased to state what their grievances are?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The contents of the memorials are the grievances, and Government decided not to place them before the House.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know how many hours a day these Proof-readers on an average work?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The usual working hours are from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

MR K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know the average working hours including usual and unusual work combined?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Including the extra work that they may have to do, probably the average may come to about 9 to 10 hours a day.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether it has been ascertained?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

G. O. Dis. No. 344/34/Revenue.

453. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the places, if any, visited by the Kalkulam Tahsildar and the Trivandrum Division Peishkar in the Kalkulam taluk, in obedience to the Order, Dis. No. 344/34/Revenue, dated the 17th March 1934, after the same was published in the Gazette dated the 20th March 1934?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The member is referred to the answer to question No. 300 of the Assembly Proceedings dated the 20th April 1936.

Representations against Mr. E. I. Mathew, Retired Director of Registration.

454. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : With reference to the answer to question No. 20, reported at page 95, Vol. VII, Sri Mulam Assembly Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have passed final orders on the representation referred to therein ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reason for the same?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the serious attention of Government.

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